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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 2000

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter concerning developments in Kosovo and Macedonia. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we pursue our common goal of peace and security for all the people of Southeast Europe.

I share your concern about organized crime in Kosovo and its impact on Macedonia and the region. To help establish a firm basis for law and order in Kosovo, we have provided 550 American officers to serve with the international police force and contributed 50 police trainers to the OSCE school for local police. We and our European allies are working closely with the UN administration in Kosovo (UNMIK) on means to specifically address the organized crime problem. A team of international experts recently traveled to Kosovo to gauge the scope of organized crime and explore methods to combat it.

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Macedonia is a strong and reliable partner for the United States in the Balkans, and your own personal commitment to democracy, tolerance, and ethnic harmony is much appreciated. I valued the chance to speak with you at Davos and hope that there will be an opportunity in the near future to discuss the future of Southeast Europe in greater depth.

Again, thank you for your insights.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

His Excellency
Boris Trajkovski
President of the
Former Yugoslav Republic
of Macedonia
Skopje

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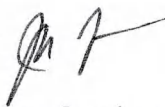
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

SAMUEL BERGER 

SUBJECT:

Letter from Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski

Purpose

Reply to a letter from Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski asking for a meeting with you and intensified U.S.-Macedonian cooperation to combat organized crime in the Balkans.

Background

In the attached letter, President Trajkovski mentions his conversation with you at Davos and asks for a meeting with you in Washington this month or in Macedonia during your June trip to Europe. He also urges intensified U.S.-Macedonian cooperation on the problems of organized crime and drug trafficking in Kosovo and the Balkans.

At Tab A, your response thanks Trajkovski for Macedonia's continuing support of U.S. and international efforts in Kosovo, as well as his own personal commitment to multi-ethnic tolerance. It also notes the steps we are taking to combat the crime problem in Kosovo and Macedonia. The response notes that you hope to find an opportunity to see Trajkovski in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Attachments

Tab A Letter to President Trajkovski

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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May 8, 2000

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: CHRISTOPHER HILL *CH*

FROM: TINA KAIDANOW *TK*

SUBJECT: Letter from Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski

Attached at Tab I is your memorandum to the President forwarding a draft response to a letter from Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski. The letter cites Trajkovski's discussion with the President at Davos, in which the President mentioned the possibility of an early bilateral meeting, and requests that such a meeting be scheduled for May or June. The letter also asks for intensified U.S.-Macedonian cooperation to combat organized crime in the Balkans.

The NSC received the incoming correspondence on April 21, 2000.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Letter to President Trajkovski
Tab B Incoming correspondence



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EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
ВАШИНГТОН, WASHINGTON, D.C.

022/038/00
26 April 2000

The Honorable
William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

It is my honor to forward the original letter from Mr. Boris Trajkovski, the President of the Republic of Macedonia. A copy of this letter was forwarded to you on 19 April 2000.

Please Mr. President, once again accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Respectfully,

Ljubica Z. Acevska
Ambassador



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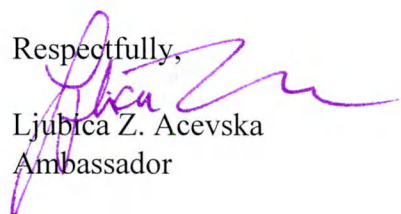
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REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
PRESIDENT

19 April 2000

Dear Mr. President:

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As you well know, despite the US and international community's efforts to stabilize the region, violence and crime continues to destabilize Kosovo and that instability has an effect on all of Kosovo's neighbors. However, as during the NATO campaign last year, Macedonia as a front line country, tends to feel the ripple effects of problems in Kosovo much more intensely than other any other countries in the region. Macedonia is not immune to the destabilizing and polarizing influence of events in Kosovo. Just a few weeks ago extremist captured four Macedonian soldiers patrolling our borders and took them to Kosovo. This has caused our citizens enormous fear and anxiety concerning the security of Macedonia.

The greatest concern I have—a concern I believe you share—is that some extremist groups from Kosovo will expand their activities to Macedonia to fulfill their goal of a "Greater Albania". As the democratically elected President of a European country that is strong in spirit, if poor in means, I take great offense to such simplistic, nationalist dogma. Every government since our independence in 1991 has had ethnic Albanians at the highest levels of government. We have a good, if not almost perfect, dialogue on issues of importance to every group in Macedonia. I can assure you that Macedonia will continue this policy of including all ethnic groups in the governing process.

Another concern that will only grow in the months to come is the increased drug trafficking and organized crime in Kosovo. Because of the traditional trade routes through Southeastern Europe, Macedonia is always the natural path for drug smugglers and other criminals to move their drugs from producer countries to consuming countries. We have already seen a dramatic increase in drug seizures in Macedonia since the end of the war in Kosovo. This has an insidious and devastating impact on our economy. With an unemployment rate over 35%, too many young people are tempted into the easy allure of quick money through drugs. I don't want Macedonia to fall into that trap.

This is where we find ourselves today. But having briefly outlined the problems, I would like to offer some potential solutions.

I believe that there are two things that we can immediately do together that would prevent any further instability in Kosovo from adversely affecting Macedonia.

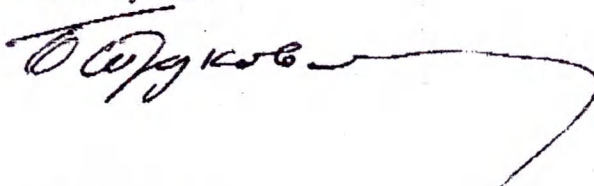
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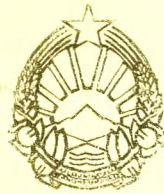
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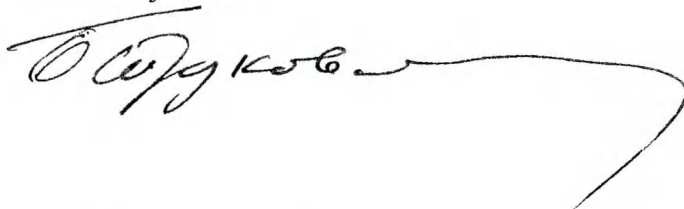
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I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Boris Trajkovski

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Boris Trajkovski', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

H.E. William J. Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize the transmittal of the message at Tab A.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

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Tab A Message to President Trajkovski

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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Tab B Incoming Correspondence

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Mr. ~~skt~~ ~~President Trajkovski~~

Thank you for your letter ~~of April 19~~ ^{concerning} on developments in Kosovo and Macedonia. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we pursue our common goal of peace and security for all the people of Southeast Europe.

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Currently,

AGAIN FOR A DEFINITE DATE, BUT

Again, thank you for your insights.

Sincerely,

His Excellency
Boris Trajkovski
President of the
Former Yugoslav Republic
of Macedonia
Skopje

*hope that there will be
an opportunity in the near future*

to

Bartlett, L. June (EXSEC)

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From: Kaidanow, Tina S. (SEE)
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2000 11:24 AM
To: Bash, Brooks L. (EXSEC)
Cc: @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: trajkovski letter [UNCLASSIFIED]

Brooks --

Here's the revised Trajkovski letter, which now contains a specific sentence on the already existing SECI crime center in Bucharest (Macedonia, like other countries in the region, is participating in this effort). I know the letter is getting long, but most of it is detailed info on our anti-crime, anti-drug efforts in the region, so I leave it to you whether it should be cut down.



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Dear President Trajkovski:

Thank you for your letter of April 19 on developments in Kosovo and Macedonia. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions as we pursue our common goal of peace and security for all the people of Southeast Europe.

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which involves the cooperation of all the countries in the region including Macedonia. The SECI center is forming a special task force to address narcotics trafficking. I urge you to keep in close contact with our Embassy in Skopje to discuss other ways in which we can work together on this issue.

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Again, thank you for your insights.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

SUBJECT: Letter from Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski

Purpose

Reply to a letter from Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski asking for a meeting with you and intensified U.S.-Macedonian cooperation to combat organized crime in the Balkans.

Background

In the attached letter, President Trajkovski mentions his conversation with you at Davos and asks for a meeting with you in Washington this month or in Macedonia during your June trip to Europe. He also urges intensified U.S.-Macedonian cooperation on the problems of organized crime and drug trafficking in Kosovo and the Balkans.

At Tab A, your response thanks Trajkovski for Macedonia's continuing support of U.S. and international efforts in Kosovo, as well as his own personal commitment to multi-ethnic tolerance. It also notes the steps we are taking to combat the crime problem in Kosovo and Macedonia. The response notes that you hope to find an opportunity to see Trajkovski in the near future.

RECOMMENDATION

Sign the letter
That you ~~authorize the transmittal of the message~~ at Tab A.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab A *Letter* Message to President Trajkovski

Tab B Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President
Chief of Staff

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NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

FROM: TRASKOVSKI, BORIS

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